

Celebrating the life Ceremony

A color portrait photograph of George Edmund Nathaniel, III, a young Black man with short dark hair, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a white tuxedo jacket over a white dress shirt and a patterned bow tie. A small orange and white floral boutonniere is pinned to his left lapel. The background is a simple, slightly textured wall.

George Edmund Nathaniel, III

SUNRISE

August 23, 1968

SUNSET

November 19, 2022

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022 - 11:00 AM

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

574 Madison St, Brooklyn, NY 11221

REV. DR. LAWRENCE E. AKER, III

INTERMENT

PINELAWN MEMORIAL PARK

2030 Wellwood Avenue • Farmingdale, New York 11735

Obituary

George Edmund Nathaniel, III was born on August 23, 1968. He was raised by George Edmund Sr. and Blanche Gaye Nathaniel. George is a true Brooklyn head Made In Old Brooklyn, back when we did double exposure flicks on 42nd street and everyone said good morning to each other even if you didn't know them.

George's favorite scripture is "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. His favorite hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

George bragged about being from Bed-Stuy Do or Die but also wanted people to know he lived in Fort Greene. George was the eldest of 4 siblings, Reginald, Shannon, Crystal and Raina. Reginald and Crystal preceded him in death. George was the only boy and the oldest so he believed he was everyone's boss.

George had many nicknames over the years; his sisters, nieces, and nephews called him "BeBe", some aunts and cousins called him "Pink", the streets called him "DJ KO", "D" for "Dread", colleagues and students called him "Mr. Nat" and his wife called him "Boo".

George was baptized and became a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in April, 1993. He belonged to The Youth Fellowship and was the resident DJ for Children's Church.

George attended New York City public schools, PS 25 elementary school, middle school 57 and Clara Barton High School.

George is currently employed with New Visions Charter High School of Humanities in Queens, New York as a Technology Coordinator. George loved his job, and I know most of you know he wanted to do things HIS way. George did not like wasting time, he believed everything had a short version that was just as effective and could accomplish the same goal.

George and Diane met in the summer of 1992, became engaged and married in 1993. George and Diane have 3 children, Jazmyn Imari, Jaelyn Imani and Joshua Avery-George. George and Diane were married for 29 years on November 19, 1993. On Saturday, November 19, 2022, God called George home to rest on their actual 29th wedding anniversary. There was no warning, it was unexpected in the human eyes but God had it planned all along.

George loved listening to and playing music in any setting. George loved gospel, house music, classics and old school hip hop. His favorite song is "I Love Days Like This". George played weddings, sweet sixteens, block parties, family, school and church events. He couldn't sing but he could spin some records. George taught himself how to DJ, spin mix and scratch records. Through playing music, he was able to bring everyone together using music as the catalyst. He was given the nickname the "Family DJ". He made sure to have the best, biggest, loudest speakers possible during block parties. We all know his playlists were the best, and nobody could out mix him anyway. Back in the day George was a B-Boy Dancer and thought he could dance until he met his wife Diane. Here's a fun fact: George was in a marching band playing both the trumpet and the snare drum during his high school years at Clara Barton.

George loved playing Al Greene for his mother and shooting the breeze and joking around with his sister Raina. He loved having heart to heart conversations and spiritual talks with his sister Shannon. George has 8 nieces and nephews, Alexis, Ashley, Barry Jr., Kiani, Dashawn, Jerrell, Christian Caelyn and 1 Great nephew, Joshua. He loved bossing all of them around and playing practical jokes on them.

Some of George's favorite things to do were spending time with his son Joshua, filming videos for up and coming artists and teaching him how to DJ. Joshua made sure he was always up to date with what the youngins were listening to. Talking about art, music, politics and global issues with his daughter Jazmyn and watching her dance. He bought her very first pair of pointy shoes, and made mixes for her to listen to, for inspiration. They loved trolling and joking around in the family group chat. George loved mentoring young people and giving them advice for life sustainability. He always preached about minimizing waste. Playing music on real turntables using vinyl records gave him JOY. His music library is big enough to get lost in, he listened to everything. House was one of his favorite genres. He loved cooking, baking, building and fixing computers, and other electronics, inventing new renditions that explored how to get a speaker to blast louder than it was originally built to. George loved walking our family dog "Chrome" with his daughter Jaelyn, the two of them just began to play chess and loved eating sushi together. They also both were working on cleaner diets, and often traded healthy treats and recipes with one another. George loved to dress, Jaelyn was his personal stylist, and never hesitated to let him know if his outfit was not popping that day. George was proud to be the DJ for his wife's non-profit organization, Beat Stage 3, Inc. cancer awareness events. He also made mixes, and edited tracks for the Heavenly Praise Dancers whenever they ministered.

George began to teach himself about investing in stocks, he watched various videos about global issues and new inventions and anything that makes you laugh. George was an avid bike rider, and exercised regularly. He loved to walk around the neighborhood appreciating Bedford-Stuyvesant and people watching.

George is preceded in death by his father George E. Nathaniel, Sr. and his brother Reginald Ennis and his sister Crystal Elizabeth Nathaniel. George leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Diane, his daughters Jazmyn and Jaelyn, and his son Joshua, his mother Blanche Gaye Nathaniel, his siblings, Shannon and Raina Nathaniel of Bklyn, NY, his Aunts: Tina Davis of Brooklyn, NY, Margaret and Lynette Fisher of Brooklyn, NY and Uncles: Quintin Fisher of Brooklyn, NY and Bruce Penn of Long Island.

His paternal Aunts: Audrey Munn of Queens, NY, Rashidah Majied of Greensboro North, CA. And Uncle Wilson Nathaniel of Florida.

His Godchildren Anthony Best, Nataisha Nathaniel and Larry Mitchener, Jr. A host of extended aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, friends and an entire Beautiful Village of people.

There are no words to describe the loss and hole in our hearts we feel. That laugh and his big beautiful smile will be missed but we know he is in God's hands.

We love and will miss you Dad and Boo.

Order of Service

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn..... "Blessed Assurance"

The Scriptures Rev. Frank T. Fraley

Old Testament

New Testament

The Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Cleotha Robertson

Reflections..... Rev. Roderick Mills

Acknowledgement of Condolences & Resolution..... Church Clerk

The Obituary Cynthia Herbert

Remarks Dr. Nadia Lopez

Tributes Family

Musical Selection..... Rev. Dr. Keisha Agard

The Eulogy..... Pastor Lawrence E. Aker, III

The Benediction Pastor Lawrence E. Aker, III

The Recessional Clergy, Church Boards and Family

The Organ Postlude



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smile when life is done
I'd like to leave Ave echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Helen Lowrie Marshall

*"Relax your mind,
let your conscience be free"*

- George

Acknowledgments

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